

# SENATE . . . . No. 31

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Entry Fee in Poor Debtor Cases.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section fourteen of chapter one  
2 hundred and sixty-eight of the Revised Laws is  
3 hereby amended by striking out the words "three  
4 dollars", in the third line, and inserting in place  
5 thereof the words: — one dollar, — so that said  
6 section will read as follows: — *Section 14.* Upon  
7 a petition for a citation under the provisions of  
8 section seven, the petitioner shall pay to the clerk  
9 of said courts or to said trial justice one dollar,  
10 which shall be in payment for issuing the required  
11 citations, notices, orders and certificates and for  
12 the examinations and hearings in such proceedings.  
13 Such fee shall be repaid by the judgment debtor,

14 if she is adjudged to have property under the pro-  
15 visions of section ten.

1 SECTION 2. Section seventy-four of chapter  
2 one hundred and sixty-eight of the Revised Laws  
3 is hereby amended by striking out the words  
4 "three dollars", in the fifth line, and inserting in  
5 place thereof the words:— one dollar, — so that  
6 said section will read as follows:— *Section 74.*  
7 Upon the commencement of any proceeding  
8 under the provisions of the preceding sections of  
9 this chapter relative to male debtors in a police,  
10 district or municipal court, there shall be paid to  
11 the clerk, if any, of such court, otherwise to the  
12 justice thereof, an entry fee of one dollar, which  
13 shall be in payment for hearing applications, for  
14 examinations and continuances, and the issuing  
15 of all notices and certificates required in such  
16 proceedings.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.



